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Table 1.--Supply and utilization of food fish products; percent change third quarter 1974 to third quarter 1975

Component	Blocks	Sticks & portions	Fillets	Halibut	Catfish 1/	Canned salmon	Canned sardines	Canned tuna
	Percent change from 1974							
Beginning inventory	- 34	- 21	- 29	- 38	N.A.	+ 150	N.A.	N.A.
Landings/ production	- 33	+ 19	- 7	+ 1	- 2	- 24	0	- 21
Imports	+ 50	- 75	+ 36	+ 49	+ 63	- 61	- 53	- 4
Total supply	- 2	+ 7	+ 6	- 8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Ending inventory	- 33	- 15	- 25	- 18	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Consumption	+ 44	+ 14	+ 26	+ 9	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

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SUMMARY

Demand strengthened considerably for most food fish commodities in the third quarter of 1975. The growth in consumption of many products, however, was checked somewhat by an increasingly short supply, and price increases were registered throughout the quarter (table 1).

Domestic fishermen continue to have lower catches. The species primarily affected include cod, flounder, ocean perch, tuna, and salmon. Although haddock landings improved in 1975, the catch was still only a small fraction of the quantities landed in the 1960's.

Catches have also been low overseas; however, January-September 1975 imports of most frozen products, including blocks, fillets, and halibut, have increased, the result of substantial withdrawals from foreign inventories. Imports of canned products, on the other hand, were off from a year ago. Canned tuna was off 1 percent from last year, canned salmon fell 60 percent, and receipts of canned sardines were down 53 percent.

New supplies in some cases appeared to be well short of quantities consumed, and domestic inventories were drastically reduced to meet market demands. For other products, the inventory reductions this year reflect the continuing efforts of industry to reduce inventories to more manageable levels. Whereas inventories normally build during the first three quarters of the year, the total quantity of saltwater fish held in cold storage dropped about 25 percent from January 1 to September 30. Specifically, block inventories declined 20 percent from the beginning of the year, total fillet stocks fell 37 percent, and stick and portion holdings declined 22 percent.

The discrepency between new supplies and consumption prompted an increase in prices, particularly for fillets, halibut, and canned sardines. Prices of all other products were stable except for lightmeat canned tuna, which declined.

The outlook is for a further tightening of supplies, which will limit sales and cause higher prices. The season for peak landings has come to an end both in the United States and abroad. With light inventories abroad, the prospect is dim for a substantial increase in imports. However, projected lower prices for beef in the coming months will further affect seafood markets and will probably moderate expected price increases.

REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

FISH BLOCKS, STICKS AND PORTIONS

Sticks and Portions

Consumption of fish sticks and portions in the third quarter of 1975 increased 14 percent over the same quarter a year earlier. Despite gains in the third quarter, however, consumption for the entire 9-month period was 5 percent below a year earlier (table 2). Steady prices for sticks and portions compared to substantially higher prices for competing products, particularly meat and poultry, were associated with the improvement in third quarter consumption (fig.1). For example, the wholesale price for cod fish sticks remained unchanged at 72.5 cents per pound since February, whereas the wholesale price indexes for meat and poultry rose 32 and 15 percent, respectively, during the same period. Portion prices were similarly unchanged, although 1 to 2 cents below fish stick prices.

Table 2.--Supply and utilization of fish sticks and portions, January-September, 1974-75.

Component	Jan.-Sept.	Jan.-Sept.	Change
	- -Million pounds- - -		Percent
Beginning inventory	41.5	33.3	- 20
Production	286.8	275.7	- 4
Sticks	80.3	66.2	- 18
Portions	206.5	209.5	+ 1
Imports	1.0	.3	- 70
Total supply	329.3	309.3	- 6
Ending inventory	30.4	25.9	- 15
Disappearance	298.9	283.4	- 5

Like prices at wholesale, retail prices of sticks and portions were relatively stable and undoubtedly were a factor in the recent gains in consumption. The retail prices of portions dropped 6 percent during the first three quarters, whereas ground beef increased 6 percent and whole chicken posted a 12-percent gain.

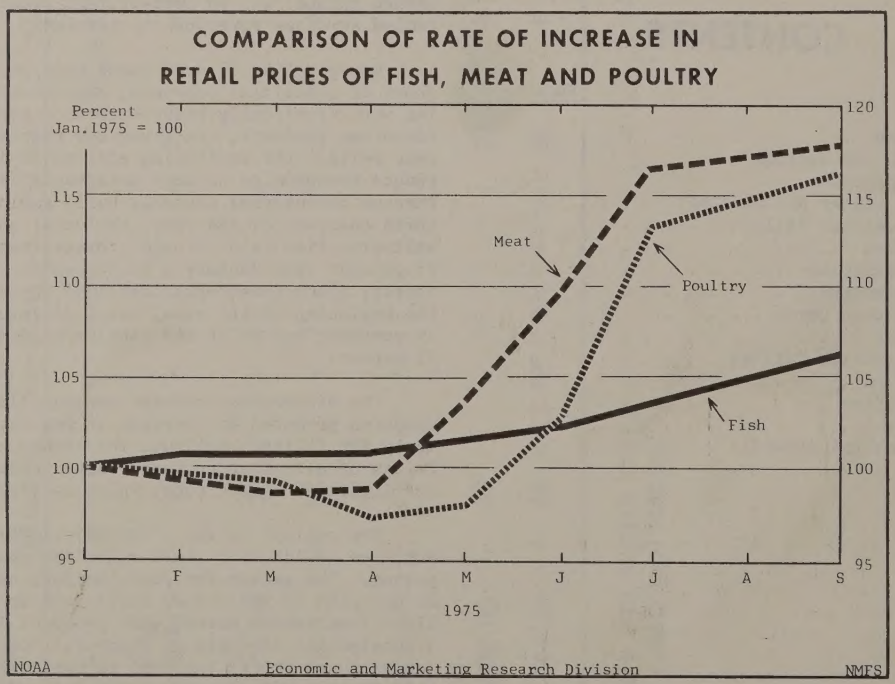


Figure 1

The third quarter rise in consumption apparently prompted a 20 percent increase in production, thereby reversing the 17- and 9-percent declines in production during the first and second quarters. Increased production of portions led the third quarter gain (up 10 million pounds); followed by production of sticks, which increased 5 million pounds.

Despite the third quarter rise in production, new supplies were short of consumption and inventories were drawn down to 25.9 million pounds, 21 percent below the beginning of the quarter. This also compares favorably to the 30.4 million pounds in storage a year earlier.

Blocks

Utilization of fish blocks was up 13 percent from the previous year primarily because of a 44-percent increase in the third quarter (table 3). The recent surge in block utilization reflects the improved market for sticks and portions and the consequent increase in production.

Table 3.--Fish block supply and utilization, January-September, 1974-75.

Component	1974	1975	Change
	- - Million pounds - -		Percent
Beginning inventory	80.6	75.7	- 6
Production	1.8	1.6	- 11
Imports	214.1	217.1	+ 1
Total supply	296.6	294.4	- 1
Ending inventory	90.9	61.1	- 33
Disappearance	205.6	233.3	+ 13

The increase in block utilization also prompted a sharp third quarter increase in imports, which had been significantly down in the first half of 1975. Third quarter imports were 88.4 million pounds compared to the 58.9 million pounds received last year. September imports were particularly heavy, more than double a year earlier.

Third quarter imports nearly matched consumption so that the 61 million pounds in storage on September 30 were practically unchanged from the beginning of the quarter. On an absolute basis, the amount currently in storage (nearly a third below the previous year) appears to be relatively normal. In terms of amounts being utilized, however, the inventory position appears to be below the norm. End of the quarter inventories represent about a 60-day supply at the September rate of utilization, whereas the average amounts held from 1970-74 represented about a 102-day supply.

Despite greater utilization of blocks and lower inventories, block wholesale prices were relatively stable during the third quarter, although some increases have been recently observed. Cod blocks continue to be offered at 56.5 cents per pound. However, by mid-November, ocean perch blocks were up 6 cents from a month earlier and whiting blocks had gained 1 cent.

OUTLOOK

Consumption of sticks and portions in the fourth quarter of 1975 is expected to run slightly higher than the 90 million pounds consumed a year ago, but 2 to 5 percent below 1974 for the entire year. The expected lower prices of beef may influence consumption of fish sticks and portions in the coming months. However, the impact may be only slight since beef prices are still 21 percent higher than a year earlier. On the other hand, poultry remains a strong competitor with prices in the low 60-cent range although retail prices increased by 15 percent from April to August.

Fish block supplies improved in October, as seen in the 12 million pound rise in inventories. Current supplies of blocks, plus a further increase in imports, will allow growth in the production of sticks and portions through the early months of 1976.

Foreign holdings of blocks are relatively low at the present time, therefore the rise in exports to the United States will be marginal. This situation results from the lower block production overseas, caused by a greater share of supplies going to the fresh market. For example, Denmark's block production was 20 percent lower than a year earlier and their holdings, through September, were down 48 percent. Likewise, Canadian production was off about 20 percent and block holdings on September 1 were 33 percent lower.

With relatively light supplies overseas and only a moderate gain in imports expected, prices will increase somewhat in the coming months. While prices in 1976 will surpass levels of early 1975, they will probably fall well short of prices quoted in the first quarter of 1974.

GROUNDFISH FILLETS

Total supplies of fillets available during the first three quarters of 1975 were considerably higher than a year earlier; however, relatively greater consumption caused heavy contra-seasonal withdrawals from inventory. By the end of September, supplies of fillets were relatively short, with the exception of cod, where a normal seasonal buildup in inventories took place. (table 4)

Table 4.--Supply and utilization of fillets, January-September, 1974-75.

Component	1974	1975	Percent
	-Million pounds-		-Percent-
Beginning inventory	66.4	58.9	- 11
Landings	46.9	43.3	- 8
Imports	171.4	210.1	+ 23
Total supply	284.7	312.3	+ 10
End inventory	50.3	37.5	- 25
Consumption	234.4	274.8	+ 17

The total supply of fillets available during the first 9 months of 1975 rose 10 percent from the previous year. Sharply higher imports more than offset the lower quantity in storage at the beginning of 1975 (down 11 percent) and lower domestic catches (off 8 percent). The quantity imported increased 23 percent to 210 million pounds. Shipments to the United States were particularly heavy during the third quarter (up 36 percent), probably in response to the increasing shortage of supply and the recent improvement in prices.

All major suppliers of fillets to the United States, with the exception of Denmark, increased their shipments to this country during 1975. However, this was accomplished by heavy withdrawals from inventory, because production in most foreign countries was generally below 1974 levels. For example, landings in Canada (Maritimes) through August 1975 were 45 percent below a year earlier. Nevertheless, fillet exports to the United States increased 12 percent, resulting in a 38-percent reduction in Canadian inventories from January (stocks rose 15 percent in 1974). In most other exporting countries, particularly Denmark, Faroe Islands, and the United Kingdom, similar trends were noted. By the end of the third quarter, inventories in the major fillet exporting countries were reported to be light.

Relatively low prices through much of 1975 provided the impetus for a 17-percent increase in consumption to 275 million pounds (fig. 2). The wholesale price of flounder fillets during the first half of 1975, for example, was 3 to 5 cents below the previous year, and the price of cod fillets remained about 5 cents per pound lower. In addition, since April 1975, retail prices of meat and poultry have risen much more quickly than fish prices, thus placing fishery products in a better competitive position relative to their primary substitutes.

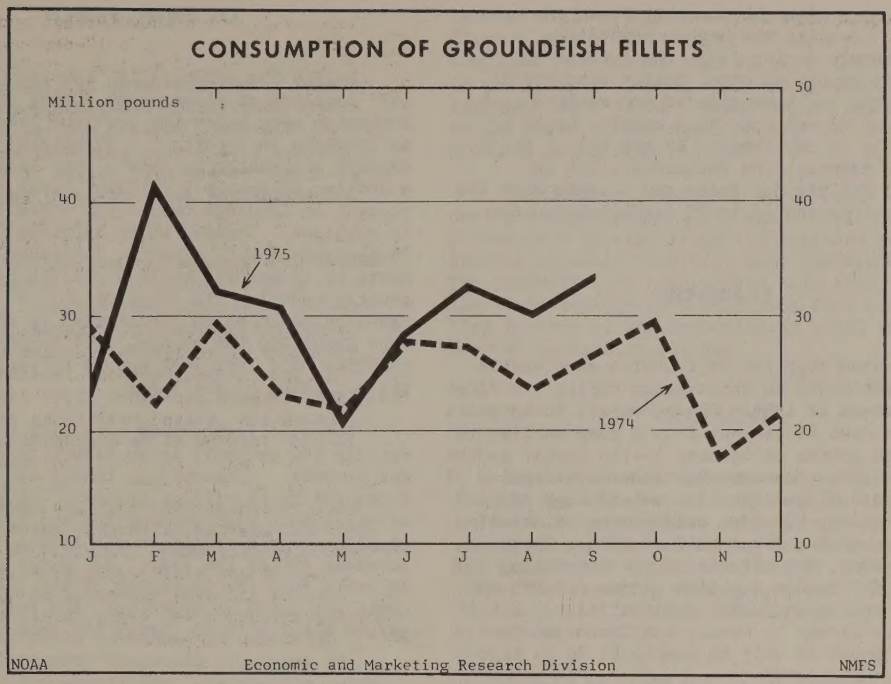
With new supplies (landings and imports) falling about 21 million pounds short of consumption, inventories were drawn down to 37.5 million pounds on September 30, 1975--the lowest amount held since 1969. The current low inventories in storage in conjunction with relatively high demand has precipitated substantial price increases in recent months (fig. 3). Wholesale prices of flounder have risen nearly 10 cents in the last 4 months, whereas haddock fillets have increased 7 cents and ocean perch has gained 16 cents since the start of the year. The short supply of other fillets has strengthened cod markets where prices have risen 8 cents per pound since midyear.

COD

Supplies of cod, unlike the other major fillet species, began the year well above 1974. The 40-percent gain in January 1975 inventories from the previous year and a 25-percent rise in imports more than offset a 7-percent reduction in landings. Total supplies available during January-September 1975, therefore, were 22 percent above the previous year.

Sales of cod were also above year-earlier figures. The 21-percent increase in consumption to 77 million pounds, however, was 2 million pounds short of the combined total of domestic landings and imports, and inventories rose accordingly. Although the 20 million pounds in storage on September 30 were about 5 million pounds above the most recent 5-year average, heavy holdings currently are justified by quantities demanded in the marketplace. Whereas quantities in storage during the past 3 years represented an average of 61 days' supply, present inventories represent about a 67-day supply at the current rate of consumption.

Lower 1975 cod landings this year have apparently strengthened the prices for fresh products, with substantial gains recorded at all levels. However, adequate supplies in cold storage have helped keep wholesale prices of frozen cod below year-earlier levels. In addition, frozen retail prices have been rela-



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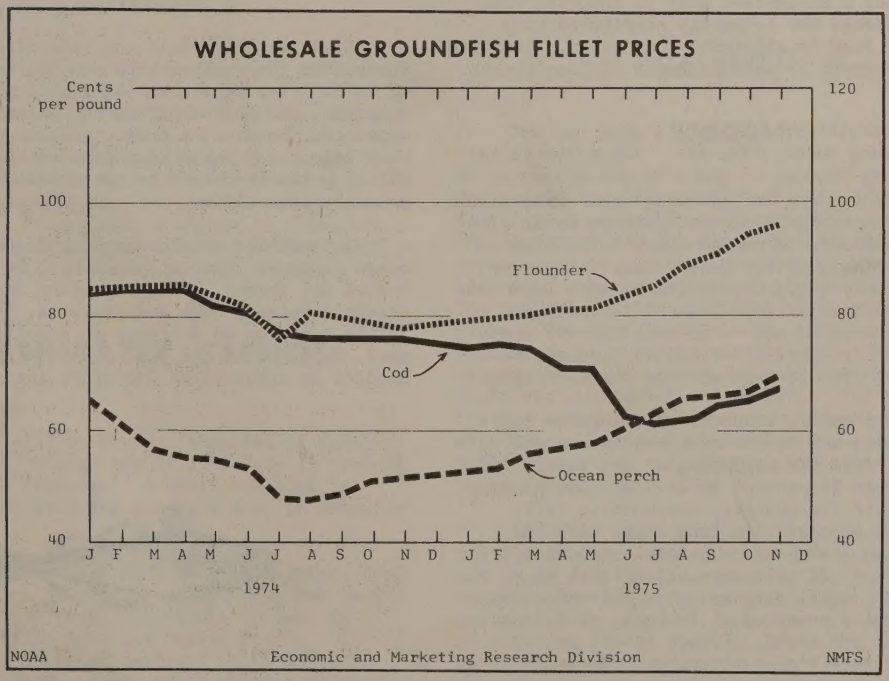

Figure 3

tively stable, although somewhat above the previous year. Despite the higher quantities in cold storage during 1975, the increasing shortage of supply of other fillet products in recent months has strengthened cod markets. The price of frozen cod, as a result, began to rise rapidly in September. By the end of November, for example, the wholesale price of frozen cod fillets had increased 7 cents from the beginning of September to 69 cents per pound.

FLATFISH

Increased supplies of flatfish were unable to match the gains in consumption during the first three quarters of 1975. Consequently, inventories were drawn down 66 percent from a year earlier to 4.2 million pounds on October 1--the lowest amount held since 1962. January-September consumption of flatfish rose 17 percent to a record high of 91.9 million pounds. Flounder prices were relatively stable through the first half of 1975. Thereafter, however, the effects of the increasing shortage of flounder supplies became evident and wholesale prices increased substantially. Retail prices were slower to react, but increased from $1.59 per pound in July to nearly $1.70 in September.

Total supplies during the first 3 quarters of 1975 advanced 6 million pounds from 1974 on the basis of a 22-percent gain in imports. The recent increase was primarily attributed to a 54-percent rise in shipments from Japan. Domestic landings dropped 11 percent to 18 million pounds.

HADDOCK

Higher imports and an improvement in domestic catches prompted a 22-percent gain in total supplies of haddock. Although domestic landings were twice the quantity landed last year, they are still only a quarter of the haddock imported. Increased shipments from Canada, Iceland, and Norway (between 39 and 44 percent higher) more than offset declines of 47 and 43 percent, respectively, from Denmark and the United Kingdom.

Haddock sales, however, were greater than new supplies, and inventories were drawn down 43 percent from the beginning of the year. Consumption rose 29 percent to 34.7 million pounds, comparable to the quantity consumed in 1973. Prices were generally in line with, or below those quoted last year. Wholesale prices of frozen haddock fillets were below those of a year earlier until midyear, when the reduction in inventories prompted an increase of 7 cents to 87 cents per pound. Frozen retail prices were relatively stable throughout the year.

OCEAN PERCH

Unlike the other fillet species, total 1975 supplies of ocean perch during January-September were below the previous year despite an increase in imports. A 32-percent drop in January 1 inventories from a year earlier and a decline of nearly 3 million pounds or 28 percent in landings caused the overall decline in supplies. Canada, which supplies more than 95 percent of U.S. imports, increased its shipments by 13 percent to 40.5 million pounds by greatly reducing its inventories. As a result, Canadian ocean perch inventories in early August were about 900,000 pounds, only a quarter of the quantity held last year and 56 percent below the beginning of the year.

Domestic inventories were also drawn down rapidly (60 percent) in an effort to supply market demands. Consumption, therefore, increased 5 percent to 68 million pounds. The combination of relatively high consumption and tightening supplies caused prices at all levels to steadily increase during the year. Wholesale prices rose 14 cents from the beginning of the year to 66 cents per pound in September, and retail prices gained about 4 cents during the same period.

OUTLOOK

Light supplies will dominate fillet markets throughout the rest of 1975 and the early months of 1976. Limited availability will reduce consumption, and further price increases can be expected. However, a projected sharp drop in beef prices may serve to moderate the expected fillet price increases as competition with beef products intensifies.

Inventories of flounders, haddock, and ocean perch are currently low both in the United States and abroad. With the heavy landings season completed here and overseas, there appears little hope for an increase in supplies. Furthermore, supplies of cod will likely tighten as this product is substituted for other species.

HALIBUT

The 1975 halibut catch has nearly reached the 25-million-pound quota established by the International Pacific Halibut Commission. This catch compares favorably to the 18.4 million pounds landed in all of 1974 and is the first time in 4 years that the catch has approached the quota.

The higher catches in Canada are reflected in the 45-percent gain in shipments from that country. The Japanese have apparently reduced their catches somewhat in response to negotiation with the Commission. Consequently, shipments from Japan declined about 19 percent to 2.1 million pounds. This decrease, however, was more than offset by gains from Canada, and total United States imports rose 34 percent to 9.8 million pounds.

Even though supplies have increased they appear to be short of quantities demanded (consumption was 23.5 million pounds) since prices continue to rise rapidly. This was particularly evident in September when the wholesale price jumped 15 cents per pound to $1.42 and the retail price increased 23 cents to $2.54. The September wholesale price was 35 percent above a year earlier, whereas the retail price was 22 percent higher.

OUTLOOK

With the season over for the most part by the end of the third quarter, landings will not be significant until next May. Supplies, therefore, will continue to be short. Inventories are currently low, and without significant input from either landings or imports in the coming months, consumption will be limited to, or below, 1974 levels. Prices will continue to rise, but after the large increases recorded in September any increase will probably be only moderate.

FRESHWATER CATFISH [1/]

At 14.4 million pounds, supplies of freshwater catfish through August 1975 were 13 percent higher than a year ago. A continued rise in imports compensated for a slight drop in domestic production.

Imports increased to 7.8 million pounds from the 5.9 million pounds imported during the same period in 1974. Brazil continues to lead in exporting catfish into the United States. The low price for imported catfish, believed to be primarily in fillet form, still remains of prime importance. For example, the average price of catfish fillets imported from Brazil through the first 8 months of 1975 was 43 cents per pound, compared to a record high of $1.66 (55 cents on a whole fish basis) received by domestic farmers. As a result, imports have assumed a larger share of the retail market while domestic production has been reduced.

Domestic production of pond-raised catfish during January-August 1975 was 6.6 million pounds or 4 percent below the previous year. The general economic downturn, some conversions to the production of high-priced bait fish, and increased acreage in grain crops were contributing factors to the reduction in total acres devoted to catfish farming.

OUTLOOK

During the fall season, prices paid to farmers are expected to drop because of a seasonal increase in production. A temporary surplus will likely be experienced during the fall and winter, but this is not expected to affect the overall market for domestic farm-raised catfish. However, shortages will probably develop during the spring and summer of 1976.

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SALMON

The low supply situation for canned salmon remains unchanged. The 1975 salmon pack was 24 percent below 1974 but 11 percent greater than the record low 1973 pack (table 5). The Alaska pack (off 3 percent) was highlighted by a better than expected run of reds in Bristol Bay. Canners were forced to pack in 1-lb cans as the smaller size cans were not stocked in large numbers. The central section of Alaska had a good run of pinks. The most disappointing area was the fishery in Southeastern Alaska where the pack of reds was down nearly one-half and that of chums was only one-third of 1974. The Washington and Oregon pack of salmon suffered a 62 percent drop. Production of all species was well below a year earlier, except pink salmon, which increased substantially.

With the pack concluded, there were some additional price adjustments. The prices of reds and pinks in 1-lb. cans were $77.50 and $69 per case, respectively, after declining in August and September (fig. 4). Supplies of red salmon in 1/2- and 1/4-lb. cans became tight, and, in early November wholesale prices jumped 12 percent for 1/2-lb. reds and 8 percent for 1/4-lb. cans.

Table 5.--U.S. canned salmon pack, by species, 1974 and 1975. 1/

Species	1974	1975 2/	Change
	- - Standard cases - - -		-Percent-
King	64,939	13,131	- 80
Red	652,388	580,501	- 11
Coho	224,198	35,964	- 83
Pink	499,950	661,142	+ 32
Chum	464,901	156,075	- 66
Total	1,906,376	1,446,813	- 24

1/Covers approximately 95 percent of the total pack.
2/Preliminary, includes pack through September 30.
Source: National Canners Association

The price of canned chums advanced $4 per case in mid-September to $59 per case. The 7-percent increase in the price of chums can be attributed to not only the sizable decline in the 1975 pack, but also to the reduction of the large carry-over from the 1974 pack. At the retail level, prices of canned salmon have been relatively steady for the last several months after a 4-to-5 percent drop since August.

With only 1.4 million pounds entering the United States, imports of canned salmon through September were 61 percent below last year's level. The decline was caused by the virtual elimination of canned salmon imports from Canada. Through August, the Canadian salmon catch has dropped 60 percent. Red and chum salmon catches are down severely. The fishery was also hit by a 3-week strike of fishermen, shoreworkers and tenders in British Columbia. The strike was finally settled in mid-August, but 3 weeks were lost in an already poor season.

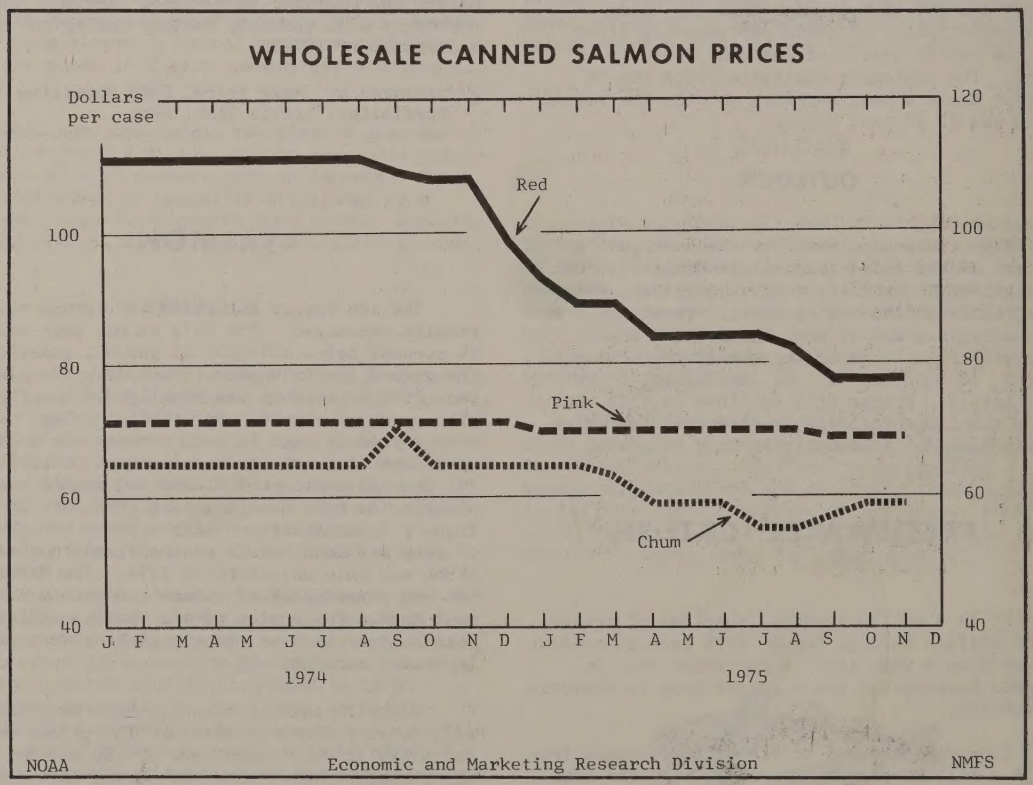

Figure 4

While imports of canned salmon were down, exports through September increased by 80 percent. The major factor for the improved sales was the United Kingdom's 78-percent increase in purchases of canned salmon, reflecting lower United States canned prices, and tight supplies of reds in Canada. Exports of canned salmon were 12.7 million pounds in the first 9 months of 1975, with the United Kingdom purchasing over 80 percent of United States exports.

The foreign trade of fresh and frozen salmon has also reflected the lighter catches in Canada and the imposition of a quota (34,100 metric tons) by the Japanese on their North Pacific high seas salmon operation. Imports of fresh and frozen salmon in the first 9 months were 6.3 million pounds compared to the 10.5 million pounds in 1974. On the other hand, exports of fresh and frozen salmon increased 65 percent in the first 9 months of 1975 with 29.9 million pounds exported. The three leading United States customers, France, Japan, and the United Kingdom have all greatly increased their purchases.

OUTLOOK

With the lower 1975 canned salmon pack offset by larger canners' stocks at midyear, supplies were about the same as last year, although still short. Lower prices may spur a small increase in consumption compared to 1974, but sales will remain considerably below levels prior to 1973, the year when the pack fell sharply. Lower prices of canned red and chum salmon have already benefited consumption, aided the expansion of salmon exports, and caused last year's stocks to be reduced.

Supplies of red salmon in smaller size cans were in short supply and the early November price increase for 1/2-lb. and 1/4-lb. cans reflected the tight supply situation. Although prices may hold at their present level during the holiday season, the limited supplies will lead to a strengthening of prices early in 1976. While supplies are available, exports of both fresh and frozen and canned salmon should enjoy expanded trade because of the generally lower United States prices and the poor Canadian catch.

SARDINES

Reductions in canned sardine imports continue to hold total supplies well below quantities available in 1974. The combined total of domestic production and imports during the first three quarters of 1975 was only 42 million pounds, about 40 percent below 1974 levels.

The January-September 1975 domestic pack of sardines, as reported by the Maine Sardine Council, was unchanged from a year ago, although there have been sharp fluctuations on a monthly basis. June-August production increased 24 percent from the previous year, after being down during the first 5 months of the year. However, a 41-percent drop in the September pack caused the 9-month total (737,461 std. cases) to be practically the same as a year earlier.

Imports of canned sardines dropped to 24.7 million pounds, 53 percent below the quantity received in 1974. Shipments from all major foreign suppliers were down from the previous year. Although receipts of sardines in oil were off significantly, sardines not in oil were the hardest hit, falling 61 percent from the 30 million pounds imported in 1974. The Republic of South Africa greatly decreased their exports, shipping only 5 million pounds compared with 19.2 million pounds to the United States during the first 3 quarters of the previous year.

Wholesale prices of canned sardines have been relatively steady when compared to the substantial gains recorded last year. By October, the wholesale price stood at $22.50 per case, equal to the price quoted a year earlier and at the beginning of the year. Retail prices, however, have increased steadily from 47.1 cents per can in Junuary to 51.6 cents in October. The October 1975 price was nearly 8 cents above the previous year and more than doubled the price quoted in 1973.

OUTLOOK

Supplies will likely continue to be down through the first half of 1976. The domestic pack was down another 31 percent in October, but improved somewhat in November. However, further production will be limited until the new season begins in June 1976. Imports are also expected to be fairly light in the early months of 1976 and may further reduce available quantities. With supplies expected to be light, prices will probably continue to increase, although some buyer resistance to record prices may limit those gains somewhat.

TUNA

The U.S. canned tuna pack continued at a lower pace in the third quarter than the record 1974 pack, as canners continue to trim supplies of canned tuna. Through September, 19.7 million standard cases were canned compared to 25.0 million cases in January-September 1974--down 21 percent.

To trim stocks, canners have further reduced raw tuna imports, which were only 309 million pounds in the first 9 months of 1975, a 37-percent drop from 1974 (table 6). The picture for canned tuna imports was quite different, as a 76-percent increase in the third quarter placed canned imports for the year almost even with those of the January-September 1974 period. Although canned tuna imports were 34.9 million pounds, they comprised only 8 percent of the total supply (U.S. pack plus imports) of canned tuna. The July-September increase was highlighted by the heavy influx of canned albacore, reflecting the strong demand for white meat tuna and the tight supplies.

Table 6.--U.S. imports of raw and canned tuna, by species, January-September, 1974-74.

(Product weight)

Component	1974	1975	Change
	- - Million pounds -		:- Percent
Raw tuna			
Albacore	150.1	79.1	- 47
Yellowfin	78.8	86.8	+ 10
Skipjack	260.1	143.2	- 45
Total raw	489.0	309.1	- 37
Canned tuna (not in oil)			
Albacore	18.4	21.0	+ 14
Other	16.8	13.9	- 7
Total canned	35.2	34.9	- 1

Although the U.S. pack was 21 percent below a year ago, receipts of domestic-caught tuna in the third quarter increased by 5 percent over 1974, but still trailed the January-September period by 4 percent. Higher receipts of skipjack have been the major factor in the recent increase. The receipts of the most widely caught species, yellowfin, dropped 8 percent over the first three quarters of 1975. The most highly prized species, albacore, declined 30 percent and further contributed to the tight supply situation of canned albacore tuna (table 7).

Table 7.--Receipts of domestic-caught tuna by U.S. canneries, by species, January-September, 1974-75.

Component	1974	1975	Change
	- - Thousand pounds - -		:- Percent-
Albacore	773,770	51,968	- 30
Yellowfin	270,736	248,198	- 8
Skipjack	93,952	117,350	+ 25
Bluefin	10,352	13,466	+ 30
Total	448,810	430,982	- 4

The canners' efforts to reduce heavy inventories of canned light meat tuna was reflected by a $1.50 reduction per case on the wholesale list price in August. Several major canners reported wholesale prices of light meat tuna would increase in November. This announcement indicated that supplies are now at more manageable levels. Although the market situation for light meat tuna stabilized, the supplies of canned albacore continued to be tight. Wholesale prices at first registered several small increases in August and September, but in November canners quoted white solid tuna at $28.00 to $29.00 per case in brine and $28.85 to $30.85 per case in oil. The average increase was over $1, and some quotes were $2 per case higher. Retail prices have not mirrored the fluctuations at wholesale and remained relatively stable. The retail price of chunk light meat tuna has varied only 2 1/2 cents a can from 59 to 61 1/2 cents.

At dockside, prices of tuna remained unchanged since early March. After starting the year at $580 and $540 a ton for yellowfin and skipjack, respectively, prices of yellowfin settled at $500 a ton and skipjack prices leveled off at $450. Albacore prices at $675 a ton have steadied similarly, and bluefin prices also have not changed from $480 a ton.

OUTLOOK

Canned tuna supplies appear closer to quantities demanded as indicated by the move of canners to raise the wholesale price of chunk light tuna by $1 a case in November. The fourth quarter tuna pack should be closer to the 1974 final quarter, with receipts of domestic-caught tuna remaining slightly below last year's level. Imports of raw tuna should begin to pick up slightly, but will still remain substantially below 1974 imports. Imports of canned tuna this year will continue at their present rate, and, based on the strength of the canned albacore market, should exceed the import totals of 1974.

The supplies of tuna on world markets appear tight for albacore and abundant for skipjack. The United States' major supplier of tuna, Japan, suffered a one-third decline in its summer pole-and-line fishery for albacore. In past years, about one-third of the catch in this fishery was exported to the United States. This year, however, the depressed U.S. tuna market in the spring and early summer adversely affected exports and most of the catch was purchased by Japanese tuna packers for processing into canned tuna in oil for the domestic market. This production is not available for export to the United States due to the 35-percent duty on canned tuna in oil. Therefore, the tight supply of canned albacore could lead to further wholesale price increases, especially with several Puerto Rican and Samoan canneries paying over $800 a ton for imported albacore, nearly $200 a ton more than in March.

The lighter inventories of light meat tuna and some expected increases in raw tuna prices may contribute to a moderate rise of wholesale prices in the next several months. Although exvessel prices will hold at $500 a ton for yellowfin and $450 for skipjack during the rest of 1975, vessel owners and the canners are expected to negotiate on a higher price for 1976. Prices could approach the 1974 levels of $575 a ton for yellowfin and $545 a ton for skipjack. Retail prices will follow and begin to increase gradually in early 1976.

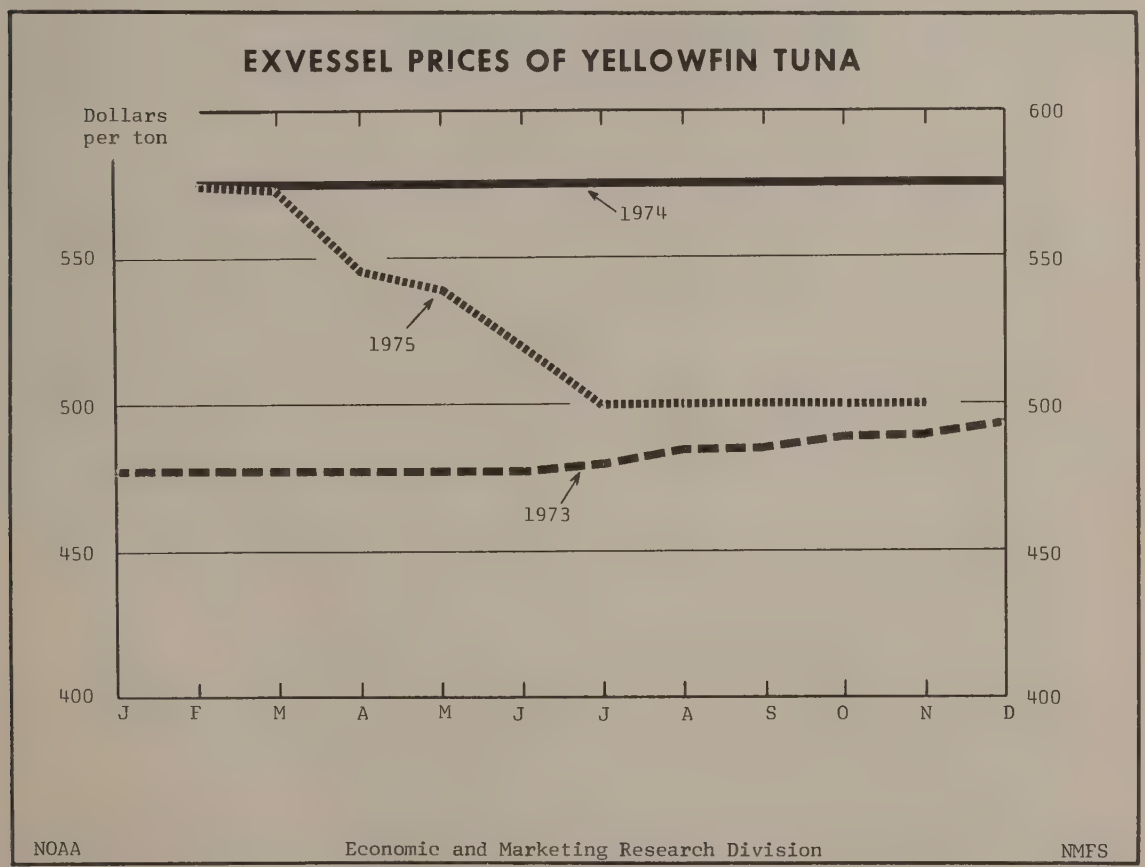

Figure 5

STATISTICAL APPENDIX

Table A1 .--Supplies and utilization of sticks and portions, 1974-75
(Product weight)

Year	Supplies						Utilization	
	Beginning stocks	Production 1/			Imports	Total	Ending stocks	Disappearance
		Sticks	Portions	Total				
	Million pounds							
1974								
January	41.5	12.9	24.9	37.7	0.1	79.3	42.8	36.5
February	42.8	12.4	22.4	34.8	.1	77.7	39.8	37.9
March	39.8	13.7	25.7	39.4	.1	79.3	38.7	40.6
1st quarter	41.5	39.0	72.9	111.9	.3	153.7	38.7	115.0
April	38.7	10.7	24.7	35.4	.1	74.2	39.7	34.5
May	39.7	8.4	24.0	32.4	.1	72.2	40.5	31.6
June	40.5	6.4	19.3	25.7	.1	66.3	40.1	26.2
2d quarter	38.7	25.4	68.0	93.4	.3	132.4	40.1	92.3
July	40.1	3.6	17.4	21.1	.1	61.3	40.4	20.9
August	40.4	5.9	23.0	28.9	.1	69.4	35.1	34.3
September	35.1	6.4	25.3	31.8	.2	66.9	30.4	36.5
3d quarter	40.1	15.9	65.6	81.5	.4	122.0	30.4	91.6
October	30.4	7.9	25.1	33.0	.1	63.5	30.0	33.5
November	30.0	6.7	22.7	29.4	.1	59.5	31.1	28.4
December	31.1	8.2	22.0	30.2	2/	61.3	33.3	28.0
4th quarter	30.4	22.8	69.8	92.5	.3	123.2	33.3	89.9
Year	41.5	103.1	276.2	379.3	1.5	422.3	33.3	389.0
1975 3/								
January	33.3	8.3	21.5	29.8	2/	63.1	32.0	31.1
February	32.0	9.7	22.4	32.1	2/	64.1	30.0	34.1
March	30.0	8.5	22.8	31.3	2/	61.3	29.0	32.3
1st quarter	33.3	26.5	66.7	93.2	.1	126.6	29.0	97.5
April	29.0	7.1	23.1	30.2	2/	59.2	29.4	29.8
May	29.4	6.2	22.9	29.0	2/	58.4	31.5	26.9
June	31.5	5.5	20.6	26.0	2/	57.5	32.8	24.7
2d quarter	29.0	18.7	66.5	85.3	.1	114.4	32.8	81.6
July	32.8	4.6	20.9	25.5	2/	58.3	29.2	29.1
August	29.2	6.5	25.0	31.5	2/	60.7	25.6	35.1
September	25.6	9.9	30.5	40.3	2/	65.9	25.9	40.0
3d quarter	32.8	21.0	76.3	97.3	.1	130.2	25.9	104.3

1/ Revised production--1974.
2/ Less than 500 thousand pounds.
3/ Preliminary.

Note: Figures may not add to total because of rounding.

Table A 2 .--Supplies and utilization of frozen fish blocks, 1974-75
(Product weight)

Year	Supplies				Utilization	
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	Ending stocks	Disappearance
	Million pounds					
1974						
January	80.6	0.2	35.6	116.4	93.6	22.8
February	93.6	.1	21.3	115.0	93.1	21.9
March	93.1	.1	29.5	122.7	101.7	21.0
1st quarter	80.6	.4	86.3	167.3	101.7	65.6
April	101.7	.1	31.4	133.2	97.9	35.3
May	97.9	.2	25.0	123.1	96.4	26.7
June	96.4	.3	12.4	109.1	92.5	16.6
2d quarter	101.7	.5	68.9	171.1	92.5	78.6
July	92.5	.2	26.4	119.1	95.3	23.8
August	95.3	.4	16.0	111.7	94.5	17.2
September	94.5	.2	16.5	111.2	90.9	20.3
3d quarter	92.5	.9	58.9	152.3	90.9	61.4
October	90.9	.2	22.0	113.4	84.7	28.4
November	84.7	.2	13.1	98.0	81.7	16.3
December	81.7	.2	16.8	98.7	75.7	23.0
4th quarter	90.9	.6	51.9	143.4	75.7	67.7
Year	80.6	2.4	266.1	349.1	75.7	273.4
1975 2/						
January	75.7	1/	18.7	94.4	78.0	16.4
February	78.0	.1	20.5	98.6	70.0	28.6
March	70.0	.1	25.0	95.1	72.1	23.0
1st quarter	75.7	.2	64.1	140.0	72.1	67.9
April	72.1	.1	23.2	95.4	67.8	27.6
May	67.8	.3	22.2	90.3	66.6	23.7
June	66.6	.3	19.1	86.0	60.7	25.3
2d quarter	72.1	.7	64.5	137.3	60.7	76.6
July	60.7	.2	29.8	90.7	68.2	22.5
August	68.2	.2	22.7	91.1	63.1	28.0
September	63.1	.2	35.9	99.2	61.1	38.1
3d quarter	60.7	.6	88.4	149.7	61.1	88.6

Note: Figures may not add to total because of rounding.
1/ Less than 50,000 pounds.
2/ Preliminary.

Table 3.--Wholesale prices for frozen fish blocks, sticks,and portions, monthly, 1974 and 1975

Month	Blocks						Portions		Sticks	
	Cod	Haddock	Flounder	Pollock	Whiting	Wolffish	Cod	Pollock	Cod	Pollock
	Cents per pound									
1974										
January	80.4	85.0	68.0	54.0	49.9	67.5	83.5	61.0	85.0	61.0
February	80.1	83.1	68.0	52.0	47.5	66.3	83.9	61.0	85.0	61.0
March	76.0	79.3	68.0	49.0	45.4	65.3	83.5	61.8	85.1	61.5
April	75.0	77.0	68.0	46.0	42.8	65.0	85.0	62.0	85.1	68.0
May	65.0	66.0	68.0	44.3	40.8	65.0	76.0	53.0	76.0	53.0
June	62.6	65.6	66.3	41.7	38.1	62.8	75.0	52.0	76.0	53.0
July	60.4	60.8	64.7	41.0	36.0	62.0	75.0	52.0	76.0	53.0
August	60.0	61.1	64.4	40.6	35.4	63.0	75.0	52.0	76.0	53.0
September	60.0	61.5	64.5	39.5	35.0	62.0	75.0	52.0	76.0	53.0
October	59.7	61.2	63.4	38.9	35.0	62.0	75.6	52.0	76.0	53.0
November	58.9	59.0	62.3	38.5	35.4	60.5	75.0	52.8	76.3	54.0
December	58.7	59.0	61.7	38.5	36.2	61.0	74.5	54.0	76.0	57.0
Average	66.4	68.2	65.6	43.7	39.8	63.5	78.1	55.5	79.1	56.7
1975										
January	59.0	59.0	61.0	37.4	36.1	60.8	73.6	53.4	75.3	56.3
February	59.0	59.0	61.0	37.5	36.8	62.0	71.0	51.0	72.5	53.3
March	58.8	59.0	61.0	37.5	36.9	61.5	71.0	51.0	72.5	53.3
April	58.0	58.0	61.0	37.5	37.0	60.6	71.0	51.0	72.5	53.3
May	58.0	58.0	61.0	37.5	36.5	60.8	71.0	51.0	72.5	53.3
June	57.3	58.0	61.3	37.2	36.5	60.3	71.0	51.0	72.5	53.3
July	56.5	58.0	62.0	36.6	36.5	60.1	71.0	51.0	72.5	53.3
August	56.4	58.0	62.3	36.5	36.4	59.5	71.0	51.0	72.5	53.3
September	56.5	58.4	62.5	36.5	37.4	59.5	71.0	51.0	72.5	53.3
October	56.5	58.7	62.5	36.5	37.4	59.6	71.0	51.0	72.5	53.3
November	57.3	60.0	63.2	36.5	38.8	60.0	71.0	52.0	72.3	53.8
December										
Average										

Table A 4.--Supplies and utilization of fresh and frozen cod, 1974-75 1/
(Fillet weight)

Year	Supplies				Utilization		
	Beginning stocks	Landings 2/	Imports	Total	Endings stocks	Apparent consumption	
						Total	Per capita
	Million pounds						Pounds
1974							
January	12.7	1.4	2.3	16.4	11.2	5.2	0.025
February	11.2	1.6	3.3	16.1	8.8	7.3	.034
March	8.8	1.4	4.2	14.4	7.0	7.4	.035
1st quarter	12.7	4.4	9.8	26.9	7.0	19.9	.094
April	7.0	1.5	7.1	15.6	11.0	4.6	.022
May	11.0	1.9	6.4	19.3	12.2	7.1	.034
June	12.2	1.6	10.3	24.1	12.8	11.3	.053
2d quarter	7.0	5.0	23.9	35.9	12.8	23.1	.109
July	12.8	1.8	6.9	21.5	13.4	8.1	.038
August	13.4	1.1	6.9	21.4	15.7	5.7	.027
September	15.7	1.2	6.1	23.0	16.2	6.8	.032
3d quarter	12.8	4.2	19.9	36.9	16.2	20.7	.097
October	16.2	2.0	5.5	23.7	14.9	8.8	.042
November	14.9	1.3	7.2	23.4	17.4	6.0	.028
December	17.4	1.3	5.2	23.9	17.8	6.1	.029
4th quarter	16.2	4.6	17.9	38.7	17.8	20.9	.099
Year	12.7	18.1	71.6	102.4	17.8	84.6	.400
1975							
January	17.8	1.2	6.3	25.3	16.8	8.5	.040
February	16.8	1.6	4.6	23.0	16.2	6.8	.032
March	16.2	1.2	8.6	26.0	16.3	9.7	.046
1st quarter	17.8	4.0	19.5	41.3	16.3	25.0	.118
April	16.3	1.5	8.0	25.8	15.0	10.8	.051
May	15.0	1.6	5.3	21.9	18.0	3.9	.018
June	18.0	1.5	8.3	27.8	19.7	8.1	.038
2d quarter	16.3	4.6	21.6	42.5	19.7	22.8	.107
July	19.7	1.4	10.1	31.2	19.3	11.9	.056
August	19.3	1.2	7.2	27.7	18.0	8.0	.038
September	18.0	1.5	8.5	28.0	20.0	8.0	.038
3d quarter	19.7	4.1	25.8	49.6	20.0	29.6	.139

1/ 1974 and 1975 data preliminary.
2/ Pacific landings not included; 2.7 million pounds in 1974.
Note: Figures may not add to total because of rounding.

Table A 5.--Exvessel, wholesale, and retail prices of cod, monthly, 1970-75

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
						Cents per pound							
Exvessel price 1/													
1970	15.7	14.7	15.0	11.8	8.2	10.7	11.5	16.2	15.2	14.1	13.1	16.4	13.6 2/
1971	20.3	13.4	12.6	12.6	9.4	11.7	14.8	18.1	15.6	15.0	19.2	20.3	15.3
1972	25.4	25.2	22.0	18.3	15.2	16.4	17.3	18.0	19.4	22.0	24.5	30.9	22.1
1973	24.1	24.7	24.3	20.0	13.1	14.3	18.9	20.1	18.4	17.4	23.4	29.1	20.7
1974	23.8	24.8	28.0	25.7	16.8	15.7	14.9	20.2	21.3	18.3	24.1	24.9	21.5
1975	27.6	25.5	33.4	26.8	17.3	22.2	22.5	23.4	26.3	24.7			
Wholesale price, frozen fillets 3/													
1970	34.0	34.0	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.7	35.7	37.8	40.9	34.5
1971	41.5	42.8	43.1	43.1	44.2	42.2	46.7	46.7	48.4	35.7	37.8	50.9	45.8
1972	50.5	53.4	56.1	56.0	56.0	56.0	56.4	56.5	56.5	56.5	56.7	56.5	55.6
1973	56.7	57.0	57.9	61.5	62.0	66.1	68.1	71.8	78.8	81.1	81.9	83.0	68.8
1974	83.9	84.5	84.5	84.5	82.2	80.3	76.9	76.0	76.0	76.0	75.8	74.8	79.6
1975	74.5	74.9	74.0	71.0	71.0	62.5	61.3	61.8	64.3	65.2	67.3		
Wholesale price, fresh fillets 4/													
1970	78.0	75.0	85.0	80.0	59.0	62.0	70.0	78.0	80.0	72.0	73.6	79.4	83.6
1971	93.3	89.0	81.4	84.5	70.2	71.4	76.5	81.0	86.3	85.8	90.0	93.0	83.6
1972	113.4	118.5	118.8	92.2	94.3	94.4	95.0	97.8	105.0	110.0	110.0	120.0	106.0
1973	134.3	122.0	119.0	115.0	97.1	109.0	117.6	133.1	119.0	114.3	120.5	140.0	120.0
1974	134.8	139.5	142.0	139.0	117.0	107.0	113.9	123.4	130.0	126.1	131.1	129.5	127.8
1975	142.9	144.0	146.1	158.3	128.3	131.3	137.7	141.3	166.1	149.6			
Retail price, fresh fillets 5/													
1970	92.5	95.0	98.0	104.0	97.8	105.3	99.6	96.5	102.3	107.8	106.5	109.2	101.2
1971	112.8	119.3	127.1	126.9	125.8	124.5	129.0	129.4	126.4	128.3	128.4	134.5	126.0
1972	135.6	127.8	144.0	131.5	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	137.9	140.3	139.0	159.8	134.3
1973	185.5	179.5	184.5	184.0	174.5	170.6	170.0	179.3	180.0	183.4	181.1	195.1	180.6
1974	195.0	203.2	200.1	202.2	193.0	189.1	179.3	186.0	201.8	197.2	200.8	200.8	195.7
1975	215.8	213.3	214.3	232.9	216.8	213.3	212.0	207.0	222.8	231.7	228.9		
Retail price, frozen fillets 6/													
1970	63.2	63.6	64.6	65.4	65.0	66.7	68.3	68.8	68.4	68.2	60.6	69.7	66.7
1971	72.4	74.0	77.1	77.1	77.7	79.0	79.0	81.0	80.4	81.3	81.6	81.5	78.5
1972	82.7	84.0	84.7	86.2	81.1	87.5	91.5	91.2	92.8	93.6	97.4	97.1	89.7
1973	91.2	100.5	100.6	102.9	107.1	109.3	109.5	112.7	114.4	121.4	125.7	128.3	111.1
1974	131.7	133.3	136.5	136.7	141.3	139.6	141.3	143.2	145.2	143.6	146.0	145.0	140.3
1975	147.5	146.7	144.6	148.3	145.2	144.6	144.1	138.8	148.2	144.1			

1/ Weighted average at principal New England ports.
2/ Annual weight average
3/ 1-lb package, at Boston, Mass.
4/ At New York City Fulton Market.
5/ Fillets, fresh, most general prices at New York City.
6/ Estimated retail food prices, Bureau of Labor Statistics, at New York City.

Table A 6.--Supplies and utilization of fresh and frozen flounder, 1974-75 1/
(Fillet weight)

Year	Supplies				Utilization		
	Beginning stocks	Landings 2/	Imports	Total	Ending stocks	Apparent consumption	
						Total	Per capita
	Million pounds						Pounds
1974							
January	15.8	2.3	10.0	28.2	15.3	12.9	0.061
February	15.3	1.3	5.0	21.6	15.4	6.2	.029
March	15.4	1.6	6.9	23.9	14.9	9.0	.043
1st quarter	15.8	5.2	22.0	43.0	14.9	28.1	.133
April	14.9	1.7	6.4	23.0	14.4	8.6	.041
May	14.4	2.7	2.9	20.0	13.9	6.1	.029
June	13.9	2.7	3.2	19.8	13.0	6.8	.032
2d quarter	14.9	7.2	12.5	34.6	13.0	21.6	.102
July	13.0	2.7	5.7	21.4	12.4	9.0	.043
August	12.4	2.9	5.9	21.2	11.8	9.4	.044
September	11.8	2.4	7.7	21.9	11.2	10.7	.051
3d quarter	13.0	8.0	19.3	40.3	11.2	29.1	.138
October	11.2	2.1	11.1	24.4	11.8	12.6	.060
November	11.8	1.4	6.0	19.2	12.6	6.6	.031
December	12.6	1.5	6.6	20.7	12.5	8.2	.039
4th quarter	11.2	5.0	23.7	39.9	12.5	27.4	.130
Year	15.8	25.3	77.5	118.6	12.5	106.1	.502
1975							
January	12.5	1.5	1/	14.0	11.6	2.4	.011
February	11.6	1.3	14.7	27.6	8.2	19.4	.091
March	8.2	1.4	6.8	16.4	6.0	10.4	.049
1st quarter	12.5	4.2	21.5	38.2	6.0	32.2	.151
April	6.0	1.8	6.5	14.3	4.6	9.7	.039
May	4.6	2.5	4.7	11.8	4.3	7.5	.035
June	4.3	2.3	5.5	12.1	3.9	8.2	.039
2d quarter	6.0	6.6	16.7	29.3	3.9	25.4	.119
July	3.9	2.3	7.3	13.5	3.9	9.6	.045
August	3.9	2.8	8.6	15.3	4.2	11.1	.052
September	4.2	2.3	11.5	18.0	4.2	13.8	.065
3d quarter	3.9	7.4	27.4	38.7	4.2	34.5	.162

1/ 1974 and 1975 preliminary.
2/ This table represent New England landings only.

Table A 7.--Exvessel, wholesale, and retail prices of flounder, monthly, 1970-75

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
						Cents per pound							
Exvessel price, yellowtail 1/													
1970	18.8	21.3	21.5	17.6	11.1	16.2	14.6	14.1	12.9	11.6	9.7	9.8	15.0
1971	13.1	16.4	19.1	19.0	13.1	12.6	13.7	22.1	13.7	16.6	16.0	18.6	16.2
1972	20.4	22.5	19.9	19.6	19.5	20.9	17.6	14.3	18.3	16.6	17.5	21.5	19.1
1973	17.7	34.9	28.9	32.4	18.3	15.8	19.9	24.5	13.8	14.4	28.6	28.6	23.2
1974	28.2	33.8	38.9	38.2	22.1	18.4	18.1	18.0	21.3	24.0	33.1	31.3	27.1
1975	39.6	42.5	47.7	40.0	28.0	31.1	27.7	24.4	37.6	38.6			
Wholesale price, frozen fillets 2/													
1970	52.8	53.6	53.5	53.9	53.8	53.5	53.4	53.0	53.5	53.1	53.5	51.8	53.5
1971	51.0	48.0	47.5	47.5	47.5	48.5	48.5	49.5	51.1	52.0	53.0	53.0	49.7
1972	53.8	53.9	56.2	58.0	59.7	64.0	66.3	67.5	72.9	73.4	74.9	76.0	64.7
1973	77.9	78.1	79.1	80.5	80.2	80.0	81.8	83.2	84.9	84.9	85.0	85.0	81.7
1974	84.6	84.9	85.0	84.8	84.0	81.0	76.6	80.4	79.8	78.6	78.0	79.0	81.6
1975	79.0	79.0	80.0	81.0	81.0	83.8	85.0	88.8	90.5	94.2	96.0		
Retail price, fresh fillets 3/													
1970	131.4	137.8	138.6	135.2	125.3	130.3	128.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	131.5	123.0	129.1
1971	135.0	142.8	150.0	145.3	145.3	151.0	149.0	141.6	141.0	135.3	144.0	145.3	144.7
1972	152.8	156.5	162.8	167.8	161.0	166.5	170.0	170.0	166.5	167.5	180.3	176.5	166.5
1973	178.6	204.0	225.7	236.6	224.0	216.6	219.4	231.6	227.5	223.0	234.0	232.9	221.2
1974	224.5	249.0	256.0	267.5	244.5	230.3	217.9	227.6	227.6	230.2	239.4	242.7	238.2
1975	267.9	287.9	289.0	309.0	281.8	271.8	295.3	257.0	251.8	270.4	266.9		
Retail price, frozen fillets 4/													
1970	97.9	98.6	98.6	96.9	95.0	96.6	97.2	97.2	97.3	98.4	98.4	98.8	97.6
1971	96.4	100.0	100.0	98.9	96.5	94.7	94.7	94.1	94.2	95.1	94.8	94.9	96.3
1972	97.5	99.6	98.0	98.9	103.3	102.5	105.1	110.8	111.7	116.3	110.6	116.7	105.9
1973	117.4	117.9	123.9	128.5	128.8	131.0	132.6	134.1	133.5	138.8	145.9	147.7	131.1
1974	152.0	157.9	153.1	155.1	153.4	155.6	157.6	154.3	156.7	156.4	151.7	152.2	154.7
1975	158.5	158.7	160.4	160.0	161.4	158.7	159.1	163.6	169.6	177.1			

1/ Weighted average, New Bedford, Mass.
2/ Skinless, 5-lb package, Canadian, at Boston, Mass.
3/ Most general prices at New York City.
4/ Estimated retail food prices (BLS) at Houston, Tex.

Table A 8.--Supplies and utilization of fresh and frozen haddock, 1974-75 1/
(Fillet weight)

Year	Supplies				Utilization		
	Beginning stocks	Landings	Imports 2/	Total	Ending stocks	Apparent consumption	
						Total	Per capita
	Million pounds						Pounds
1974							
January	10.6	0.2	1.8	12.6	10.1	2.5	0.012
February	10.1	.2	1.6	11.9	8.2	3.7	.017
March	8.2	.6	1.6	10.4	8.5	1.9	.009
1st quarter	10.6	1.0	5.0	16.6	8.5	8.1	.038
April	8.5	.2	3.7	12.4	8.5	3.9	.018
May	8.5	.3	2.8	11.6	8.5	3.4	.016
June	8.2	.3	2.9	11.4	7.6	3.8	.018
2d quarter	8.5	.8	9.4	18.7	7.6	11.1	.052
July	7.6	.3	2.2	10.1	7.2	2.9	.014
August	7.2	.2	1.7	9.1	7.0	2.1	.010
September	7.0	.2	1.9	9.1	6.3	2.8	.013
3d quarter	7.6	.7	5.8	14.1	6.3	7.8	.037
October	6.3	.2	3.6	10.1	7.9	2.2	.010
November	7.9	.1	1.9	9.9	9.7	0.2	.001
December	9.7	.2	2.7	12.6	10.4	2.2	.010
4th quarter	6.3	.5	8.2	15.0	10.4	4.6	.021
Year	10.6	3.0	28.3	41.9	10.4	31.5	.148
1975							
January	10.4	.5	2.9	13.8	9.3	4.5	.021
February	9.3	.5	2.5	12.3	8.7	3.6	.017
March	8.7	.4	3.3	12.4	7.4	5.0	.024
1st quarter	10.4	1.4	8.7	20.5	7.4	13.1	.062
April	7.4	.4	3.1	10.9	6.2	4.7	.022
May	6.2	1.2	2.0	9.4	6.6	2.8	.013
June	6.6	.8	2.7	10.1	5.5	4.6	.022
2d quarter	7.4	2.4	7.8	17.6	5.5	12.1	.057
July	5.5	.3	3.2	9.0	6.0	3.0	.014
August	6.0	.4	3.8	10.2	5.3	4.9	.023
September	5.3	.4	4.0	9.7	5.9	3.8	.018
3d quarter	5.5	1.1	11.0	17.6	5.9	11.7	.055

1/ Preliminary, haddock only.
2/ Haddock fillet imports estimated from other groundfish in this category of haddock, cusk, and pollock.

Table A 9.--Exvessel, wholesale, and retail prices of haddock in the United States, monthly, 1970-75

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
						Cents per pound							
Exvessel price 1/													
1970	33.9	33.8	27.6	19.6	18.0	23.7	26.6	31.7	22.6	26.5	33.9	34.7	28.1 2/
1971	39.8	29.3	27.4	25.0	20.7	24.8	31.7	38.0	30.0	35.5	40.6	45.6	32.4
1972	41.5	40.1	43.3	40.8	37.6	36.8	40.8	38.0	41.2	46.2	55.2	54.6	43.1
1973	40.7	41.4	40.6	44.2	42.2	32.9	35.1	35.8	39.7	35.0	45.4	51.3	40.4
1974	35.2	44.0	35.7	51.0	36.8	33.4	28.9	39.7	41.1	41.9	42.7	37.6	39.0
1975	31.4	38.9	43.6	39.2	21.4	29.3	43.9	30.5	35.2	38.0			
Wholesale price, fresh fillets 3/													
1970	115.0	112.2	70.0	67.5	56.0	74.5	89.0	94.5	97.0	73.5	102.5	145.0	91.4
1971	116.5	101.0	73.5	67.0	60.0	96.0	82.5	108.0	97.5	103.5	102.5	122.5	94.2
1972	150.0	125.0	105.0	145.0	150.0	100.0	112.5	110.0	125.0	135.0	135.0	160.0	129.4
1973	160.0	100.0	125.0	130.0	145.0	82.5	132.5	117.1	120.0	120.0	195.0	175.0	133.5
1974	127.5	125.0	125.0	200.0	120.0	100.0	102.5	120.0	152.5	120.0	130.0	147.5	149.4
1975	100.0	160.0	140.0	132.5	97.5	97.5	162.5	130.0	122.5	135.0			
Retail price, frozen fillets 4/													
1970	80.6	83.5	85.3	86.0	87.4	88.4	89.4	89.4	90.9	90.0	91.5	92.6	87.9
1971	93.8	96.4	98.4	98.9	100.0	101.2	101.8	101.6	101.8	102.0	120.4	101.8	100.0
1972	102.4	102.7	102.9	103.4	104.0	104.9	105.3	106.9	108.4	108.8	112.0	113.7	106.3
1973	115.7	119.6	120.8	124.2	128.7	132.2	133.6	136.3	136.5	138.3	144.9	145.5	131.4
1974	147.6	149.4	150.2	149.8	150.4	148.9	149.7	150.5	149.3	147.3	150.1	149.5	149.4
1975	151.1	151.8	151.1	150.8	150.9	150.0	150.5	152.0	151.4	152.2			
Retail price, fresh fillets 5/													
1970	117.5	110.5	133.7	120.6	93.8	91.4	108.9	114.1	117.7	105.0	137.4	136.5	115.6
1971	155.9	145.6	140.1	121.0	134.7	148.1	150.0	162.4	165.3	157.0	163.3	172.2	115.3
1972	125.9	123.6	122.2	128.3	124.6	124.2	143.3	141.5	135.5	145.3	139.2	145.1	132.2
1973	6/	229.2	183.8	193.5	188.8	221.1	199.6	214.0	211.9	215.1	213.0	229.2	209.0
1974	216.8	222.8	213.4	239.8	206.9	219.9	214.1	207.9	210.6	203.3	206.8	213.9	214.6
1975	235.7	144.8	209.5	218.1	143.7	145.0	145.2	221.9	151.2	148.9			

1/ Weighted average for large and scrod, New England principal ports.
2/ Annual weighted average.
3/ Skin-on, 20-lb tins, Boston, Mass.
4/ 1-lb packages, U.S. average price reported by BLS.
5/ Estimated retail food prices (BLS), at Boston, Mass.
6/ Insufficient quotations to publish price.

Table A10.--Supplies and utilization of ocean perch, 1974-75
(Fillet weight)

Year	Supplies				Utilization		
	Beginning stocks	Landings *	Imports	Total	Ending stocks	Apparent consumption	
						Total	Per capita
	Million pounds						Pounds
1974							
January	27.3	0.5	4.7	32.5	23.9	8.6	0.041
February	23.9	.7	3.9	28.5	21.2	7.3	.035
March	21.2	1.1	7.0	29.3	18.2	11.1	.052
1st quarter	27.3	2.3	15.6	45.2	18.2	27.0	.128
April	18.2	1.4	3.3	22.9	16.7	6.2	.029
May	16.7	1.4	3.4	21.5	16.1	5.4	.026
June	16.1	1.5	3.8	21.4	15.4	6.0	.028
2d quarter	18.2	4.3	10.5	33.0	15.4	17.6	.083
July	15.4	1.5	6.5	23.4	16.1	7.3	.035
August	16.1	1.2	6.0	23.3	16.7	6.6	.031
September	16.7	1.1	5.1	22.9	16.6	6.3	.030
3d quarter	15.4	3.8	17.7	36.9	16.6	20.3	.096
October	16.6	.8	6.2	23.6	17.5	6.1	.029
November	17.5	.6	3.9	22.0	17.0	5.0	.024
December	17.0	.8	5.7	23.5	18.2	5.3	.025
4th quarter	16.6	2.2	15.8	34.6	18.2	16.4	.078
Year	27.3	12.5	59.6	99.4	18.2	81.2	.384
1975							
January	18.2	.3	4.2	22.7	14.3	8.4	.040
February	14.3	.5	6.1	20.9	9.4	11.5	.054
March	9.4	.8	3.2	13.4	6.4	7.0	.033
1st quarter	18.2	1.6	13.5	33.3	6.4	26.9	.127
April	6.4	.7	3.0	10.1	4.6	5.5	.026
May	4.6	1.0	5.6	11.2	4.9	6.1	.029
June	4.9	1.2	7.1	13.2	5.6	7.6	.036
2d quarter	6.4	2.9	15.7	25.0	5.6	19.4	.091
July	5.6	1.0	7.1	13.7	5.7	8.0	.038
August	5.7	1.1	5.9	12.7	6.5	6.2	.029
September	6.5	.9	7.9	15.3	7.4	7.9	.037
3d quarter	5.6	3.0	20.9	29.3	7.4	22.1	.104

*Atlantic perch landings only.
Note: Figures may not add to total because of rounding.

Table A11.--Exvessel, wholesale, and retail prices of ocean perch, monthly, 1970-75

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
						Cents per pound							
Exvessel price 1/													
1970	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.0
1971	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1
1972	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.7	5.3	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.3	5.7	6.4	5.8
1973	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.6	8.3	8.9	10.2	9.0	9.3	8.1
1974	9.9	9.4	9.5	8.7	7.9	7.8	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.8	8.1	8.0	8.2
1975	8.6	9.2	10.5	10.4	9.9	10.3	10.1	10.6	11.0	11.6			
Wholesale price, frozen fillets 2/													
1970	35.5	35.5	35.5	36.5	37.5	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.0	38.5	38.5	37.5	36.9
1971	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	36.6	38.2	35.7	35.6	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.8
1972	36.0	36.4	39.0	40.0	40.0	43.0	44.0	47.0	49.0	49.3	50.3	51.5	43.8
1973	52.0	53.0	53.0	55.5	55.4	55.8	56.8	60.4	64.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	58.4
1974	65.7	60.8	57.1	55.7	55.3	53.0	47.7	47.4	48.1	50.6	51.0	52.0	53.7
1975	52.1	52.5	56.0	57.3	57.5	60.0	63.1	65.8	66.0	66.8	69.7		
Retail price, frozen fillets 3/													
1970	59.4	61.3	61.6	63.2	63.3	63.8	64.0	65.7	65.6	56.3	66.6	68.5	63.2
1971	69.1	70.9	71.1	72.7	73.5	73.7	73.5	73.3	73.2	73.3	72.2	71.8	72.4
1972	73.4	73.7	72.5	73.1	73.3	73.8	75.2	77.1	78.0	82.1	84.6	85.1	76.8
1973	87.6	90.3	91.8	94.4	96.9	99.6	99.8	100.7	102.6	105.4	107.5	108.4	98.8
1974	115.5	110.4	108.1	109.9	108.5	107.1	108.3	107.3	105.9	106.4	106.5	107.3	108.1
1975	107.9	107.9	106.9	107.7	108.9	110.1	110.7	112.1	116.2	119.6			

1/ Weighted average at principal New England ports.
2/ Skin-on, 1-lb package, at Boston, Mass.
3/ U.S. average retail price reported by BLS.

Table A12.--Supplies and utilization of Pacific halibut, 1974-75
(Dressed weight)

Year	Supplies				Utilization		
	Beginning stocks	U.S. landings 1/	Imports	Total	Ending stocks	Apparent consumption	
						Total	Per capita
	Million pounds						Pounds
1974							
January	16.5	-	1.2	17.7	14.2	3.5	0.017
February	14.2	-	1.0	15.2	12.3	2.9	.014
March	12.3	-	.6	12.9	9.9	3.0	.014
1st quarter	16.5	-	2.7	19.2	9.9	9.3	.044
April	9.9	.1	.7	10.7	8.5	2.2	.010
May	8.5	1.2	1.0	10.7	6.8	3.9	.018
June	6.8	4.4	.6	11.8	9.4	2.4	.011
2d quarter	9.9	5.7	2.3	17.9	9.4	8.5	.040
July	9.4	4.0	.9	14.3	10.7	3.6	.017
August	10.7	2.9	1.2	14.8	14.1	0.7	.003
September	14.1	1.2	1.6	16.9	13.4	3.5	.017
3d quarter	9.4	8.1	3.7	21.2	13.4	7.8	.037
October	13.4	.1	1.2	14.7	11.9	2.8	.013
November	11.9	-	.5	12.4	11.0	1.4	.007
December	11.0	-	.3	11.3	8.5	2.8	.013
4th quarter	13.4	.1	2.0	15.5	8.5	7.0	.033
Year	16.5	13.9	10.4	40.8	8.5	32.3	.153
1975							
January	8.5	-	.9	9.4	7.6	1.8	.008
February	7.6	-	1.1	8.7	5.7	3.0	.014
March	5.7	-	1.2	6.9	4.5	2.4	.011
1st quarter	8.5	-	3.2	11.7	4.5	7.2	.034
April	4.5	.2	1.2	5.9	3.3	2.6	.012
May	3.3	2.7	.6	6.6	4.3	2.3	.011
June	4.3	3.2	1.2	8.7	5.8	2.9	.014
2d quarter	4.5	6.1	3.0	13.7	5.8	7.8	.037
July	5.8	3.8	1.3	10.9	7.1	3.8	.018
August	7.1	3.2	1.3	11.6	9.7	1.9	.009
September	9.7	1.1	2.9	13.7	11.0	2.7	.013
3d quarter	5.8	8.2	5.5	19.5	11.0	8.5	.040
October	11.0	.2			10.4		
November	10.4	2/					
December							

1/ Preliminary. The Pacific Halibut Commission landings and receipts are not all accounted for.
2/ Less than 500,000 pounds.

Note: Figures may not add to total because of rounding.

Table A13.--Exvessel, wholesale, and retail prices of Pacific halibut, monthly, 1970-75

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	Cents per pound												
Exvessel price, Seattle 1/													
1970	-	-	-	43.4	40.1	43.0	44.4	39.8	34.9	32.5	35.6	-	39.2
1971	-	-	-	34.9	33.1	35.8	36.2	36.7	39.4	41.6	-	-	36.8
1972	-	-	-	60.3	58.1	65.7	70.5	73.7	79.9	-	-	-	68.0
1973	-	-	-	-	-	79.0	84.5	86.6	-	-	-	-	83.4
1974	-	-	-	-	75.0	79.0	79.0	79.6	80.5	-	-	-	78.6
1975	-	-	-	-	90.0	91.3	94.8	102.7	108.5	-			
Exvessel price, Prince Rupert 1/													
1970	-	-	-	-	39.4	42.6	42.5	38.9	35.6	31.7	-	-	38.5
1971	-	-	-	-	33.6	32.7	34.0	37.4	37.8	-	-	-	35.1
1972	-	-	-	-	59.8	66.6	72.5	76.3	78.5	-	-	-	70.7
1973	-	-	-	-	-	73.4	78.2	81.4	86.0	-	-	-	79.8
1974	-	-	-	-	-	67.8	71.0	77.3	78.6	-	-	-	73.7
1975	-	-	-	-	75.0	81.0	-	-	-	-			
Wholesale price 2/													
1970	57.5	57.5	56.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.0	57.3	56.7	55.3	54.9	56.9
1971	54.2	54.2	55.0	53.0	53.0	53.0	53.1	53.1	53.1	53.5	55.0	58.5	54.1
1972	62.0	62.1	67.6	72.0	76.8	77.0	85.0	90.1	92.2	95.0	95.0	95.0	80.8
1973	91.8	91.7	90.4	88.0	97.1	99.6	99.6	105.0	105.0	105.0	102.5	102.5	98.0
1974	102.5	102.5	103.0	105.0	99.8	95.8	98.3	98.3	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	102.1
1975	105.7	107.1	108.3	115.0	115.0	120.0	120.0	127.0	145.5	149.0	150.0		
Retail price 3/													
1970	108.0	102.5	101.9	113.8	116.6	112.8	110.0	108.0	112.8	108.3	106.6	106.6	108.6
1971	116.5	107.8	107.9	107.8	111.5	110.0	110.0	104.0	107.1	112.8	108.9	109.7	108.7
1972	115.1	124.0	124.0	126.5	135.6	127.0	139.0	158.0	160.3	162.8	164.0	167.8	142.8
1973	174.2	169.3	170.7	174.0	172.3	174.0	174.0	177.8	181.8	162.0	164.0	167.8	171.8
1974	194.5	202.0	200.3	206.0	193.3	197.0	192.0	209.0	208.0	209.0	211.5	210.7	202.8
1975	202.8	209.1	204.0	205.3	208.1	225.5	229.4	231.0	254.0	280.0	284.0		

1/ Weight average price for medium size.
2/ Dressed form, frozen, at New York City.
3/ Steak form, fresh at New York City.

Table A14.--Imports and domestic production of freshwater catfish, monthly, 1974 and 1975

Month	1974		1975	
	Imports 1/	Processed domestic production 2/	Imports 1/	Processed domestic production 2/
	Pounds			
January	947,000	760,020	1,496,000	998,563
February	290,000	850,561	641,000	1,037,562
March	454,000	1,040,345	663,000	902,481
April	670,000	813,226	1,421,000	606,467
May	561,000	836,702	749,000	474,215
June	1,671,000	861,323	782,000	888,330
July	486,000	782,660	997,000	855,559
August	795,000	924,710	1,090,000	821,269
Total	5,874,000	6,859,547	7,839,000	6,584,446

1/ Reported by U.S. Bureau of the Census
2/ Collected from major catfish processing plants.

Table A15.--Wholesale prices for dressed salmon, monthly, 1971-75

Month	King 1/					Silver 2/				
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
	Cents per pound									
January	136.0	126.0	150.0	225.0	185.0	103.0	101.3	140.0	185.0	160.0
February	136.0	125.0	160.0	225.0	185.0	100.1	104.0	140.0	185.0	160.0
March	130.0	125.0	162.0	225.0	185.0	97.5	105.0	145.0	185.0	160.0
April	129.0	125.0	165.0	225.0	188.0	96.2	105.0	150.0	185.0	160.0
May	125.0	125.0	165.0	229.0	188.0	83.0	105.0	150.0	180.0	160.0
June	121.3	125.0	165.0	200.0	188.0	80.0	105.0	150.0	175.0	160.0
July	121.0	125.0	165.0	200.0	188.4	80.0	105.0	150.0	175.0	160.0
August	119.0	145.0	200.0	200.0	193.4	80.0	107.0	150.0	175.0	162.0
September	118.8	146.3	210.0	185.0	216.9	80.0	110.0	150.0	175.0	173.8
October	130.0	150.0	220.0	185.0	226.8	80.0	130.0	165.0	160.0	187.0
November	130.0	150.0	220.0	185.0		97.5	130.0	165.0	160.0	
December	129.5	150.0	220.0	185.0		100.0	130.0	165.0	160.0	

1/ Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ New York - Primarily f.o.b. at warehouses.

Table A16.--U.S. wholesale prices of canned salmon, monthly, 1974-75 1/

Species/ Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	Dollars per case 2/												
Red (sockeye)													
1970	45.25	45.44	45.50	45.50	45.50	45.50	42.90	40.00	40.00	40.00	41.13	41.50	43.19
1971	41.50	41.50	41.50	41.50	41.50	41.50	43.00	44.50	3/	3/	46.00	46.00	42.85
1972	47.00	47.00	47.00	47.50	47.50	47.50	47.50	56.00	56.00	56.50	56.50	56.50	51.08
1973	56.50	56.50	56.50	57.25	58.00	58.00	58.00	4/	112.00	110.40	110.00	110.00	76.74
1974	111.00	111.00	111.00	111.00	111.00	111.00	111.00	110.60	108.75	108.00	108.00	93.33	109.31
1975	92.75	89.00	89.00	83.50	83.50	83.50	83.50	82.00	77.50	77.50	77.88		
Pink													
1970	31.60	31.25	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	32.65
1971	33.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.80	35.83	3/	3/	36.00	36.00	34.86
1972	36.00	37.00	37.00	37.38	37.50	37.50	37.75	41.25	44.50	44.50	47.75	45.00	40.01
1973	45.25	45.50	45.50	46.25	47.00	47.00	47.00	4/	65.75	67.10	68.00	70.40	54.25
1974	71.00	71.00	71.00	71.00	71.00	71.00	71.00	71.00	71.00	71.00	71.00	70.67	70.97
1975	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	69.75	69.00	69.00	69.00		
Chum													
1970	28.80	28.25	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.50	29.50	28.71
1971	29.50	30.00	30.00	30.13	30.50	30.50	30.50	31.50	3/	3/	31.50	31.50	30.56
1972	32.00	31.00	31.00	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	34.75	38.00	38.50	40.00	40.00	34.27
1973	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.25	40.50	40.50	40.50	4/	60.25	62.50	64.00	64.80	48.48
1974	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.40	70.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.45
1975	65.00	65.00	63.40	59.00	59.00	59.00	55.00	55.00	57.00	59.00	59.00		
King													
1970	36.50	37.13	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.25	37.50	37.50	37.63	37.50	37.17
1971	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	3/	3/	38.50	38.50	37.70
1972	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	4/	4/	4/	4/	38.50
1973	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
1974	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
1975	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/		

1/ Average of the weekly prices reported by Seattle brokers and canners.
2/ Forty-eight 1-lb talls. Does not include discounts and promotional allowances.
3/ Prices not reported during the price freeze.
4/ Prices not quoted.

Table A17.--Exvessel, wholesale, and retail prices of sardines, monthly, 1970-75

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year average
						Cents per pound 1/							
Exvessel price (Maine)													
	-	2.0	-	-	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.9	1.8
1971	-	-	-	1.1	-	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	-	2.3
1972	-	-	-	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.1
1973	-	-	-	3.7	3.9	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.1
1974	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	-	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.6
1975	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.8	3.7					
Wholesale price 2/													
						Dollars per case 3/							
1970	12.63	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.25	15.25	15.25	15.25	15.25	14.07
1971	15.25	15.25	15.25	15.25	15.25	15.75	15.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	15.96
1972	16.72	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	17.55	17.30	17.10	17.10	15.75	16.84
1973	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	15.30	15.30	15.30	17.25	17.35	17.60	17.60	17.60	16.53
1974	17.60	18.00	18.00	19.35	19.35	19.75	19.75	21.60	21.60	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.21
1975	22.50	22.05	22.05	22.05	22.05	23.05	22.10	22.10	23.10	22.50			
Retail price													
						Cents per can 4/							
1970	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.9	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.4	17.8	18.2	18.7	19.0	17.4
1971	19.3	19.6	19.7	19.8	20.0	20.4	20.5	20.8	21.0	21.1	21.2	21.4	20.4
1972	21.6	21.6	21.4	21.6	21.7	21.8	21.9	22.1	22.6	22.7	22.9	25.3	22.1
1973	22.4	22.4	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.7	23.1	23.2	23.5	24.2	25.0	20.3	23.5
1974	25.5	37.6	37.2	37.9	38.9	39.6	40.0	40.4	41.7	43.9	45.1	45.6	39.5
1975	47.1	47.7	48.2	48.2	48.6	49.6	50.8	51.1	51.5	51.6			

1/ Round weight.
2/ Maine, keyless, oil.
3/ 100 - 1/4-lb cans per case. New York prices taken on Monday or Tuesday of the week in which the 13th of the month falls.
4/ U.S. average prices as reported by BLS.

Table A18.--U.S. tuna pack, by state and area, January-June 1974-75
(does not include bonito)

Year	California	Washington & Oregon	Atlantic Coast, Hawaii, and Territories 1/	Total
	Thousand standard cases			
1974				
January	936	57	916	1,909
February	789	92	915	1,796
March	1,780	167	1,846	3,793
April	1,147	111	1,257	2,515
May	1,853	73	1,424	3,350
June	739	149	1,980	2,868
July	1,225	226	1,022	2,473
August	1,484	579	1,293	3,356
September	1,142	401	1,387	2,930
Total	11,095	1,855	12,040	24,900
1975 2/				
January	595	39	740	1,374
February	433	11	1,292	1,736
March	1,607	78	1,608	3,293
April	364	140	742	1,246
May	919	36	1,192	2,147
June	1,544	44	1,192	2,780
July	793	77	1,310	2,180
August	2,083	432	1,035	3,550
September	429	305	659	1,393
Total	8,767	1,162	9,770	19,699

1/ Includes Maryland, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa.
2/ Preliminary.
Note: Figures may not add to total because of rounding.

Table A19.--Exvessel prices of tuna, monthly, 1970-75 1/

Species/ Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	Dollars per ton												
Albacore													
1970	-	-	-	-	-	-	550	550	550	550	550	550	550
1971	-	-	-	-	-	-	630	630	630	630	630	630	630
1972	-	-	-	-	-	680	680	680	680	680	680	680	680
1973	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	830	830	830	830	830	830
1974	-	-	-	-	-	-	820	820	820	820	820	820	820
1975	-	-	-	-	-	-	675	675	675	675	675		
Bluefin													
1970	326	-	-	-	347	349	351	385	360	362	373	-	353
1971	-	-	392	-	400	401	403	403	400	400	400	401	400
1972	-	422	-	-	-	422	422	422	422	422	422	422	422
1973	-	-	-	-	-	457	460	465	462	-	-	-	461
1974	-	-	-	-	-	-	555	555	555	555	555	555	555
1975	-	-	-	-	480	480	480	480	480	480	480		
Skipjack 2/													
1970	291	296	298	301	308	317	323	327	331	333	338	339	317
1971	362	362	362	366	367	371	372	374	375	376	376	376	370
1972	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405	405
1973	447	447	447	447	447	447	450	455	455	459	459	463	451
1974	3/	545	545	545	545	545	545	545	545	544	540	540	544
1975	-	540	540	503	495	472	450	450	450	450	450		
Yellowfin 2/													
1970	341	346	348	355	358	366	372	379	381	383	386	391	367
1971	412	412	412	415	417	421	420	420	420	421	421	421	418
1972	442	442	442	442	442	442	442	442	442	442	442	442	442
1973	477	477	477	477	477	477	480	485	485	489	489	493	481
1974	3/	575	575	575	575	575	575	575	575	575	575	575	575
1975	3/	574	573	546	540	520	500	500	500	500	500		

1/ Midpoints of price ranges received from California canners.
2/ Premium grade.
3/ Insufficient quotations to publish price.

Table A20.--Canned tuna wholesale and retail prices, monthly, 1970-75

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
						Dollars per case 1/							
Wholesale - Advertised brands 2/													
White solid (No. 1/2 - 7 oz. 48's)													
1970	19.35	19.35	19.55	19.85	19.85	19.95	20.35	20.51	22.35	22.35	22.35	22.35	20.68
1971	22.35	22.35	22.55	22.85	22.85	22.85	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	22.07
1972	21.50	22.28	22.70	22.74	22.74	22.75	23.50	23.31	23.50	24.89	25.35	25.35	23.39
1973	23.00	24.75	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.38	27.50	26.75	27.50	25.89
1974	27.50	28.63	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.94	30.17	30.17	30.18	30.18	30.85	29.47
1975	30.14	30.00	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.40	27.10	27.29	27.35	27.35	28.83		
Light chunk (No. 1/2 - 6-1/2 oz. 48's)													
1970	16.35	16.35	16.49	16.70	16.70	16.80	17.20	17.20	17.20	17.70	17.70	17.70	17.01
1971	18.20	18.70	18.70	18.65	18.70	18.70	18.70	18.70	18.70	18.70	18.70	18.70	18.61
1972	18.70	18.90	19.20	19.20	19.20	19.20	19.39	19.70	19.70	19.89	19.95	19.95	19.42
1973	19.95	19.95	19.95	20.70	20.90	21.14	21.20	21.20	19.68	20.95	21.33	21.89	20.74
1974	22.55	23.83	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.80	25.20	25.20	24.25
1975	25.45	26.20	25.20	25.20	25.20	25.20	25.20	23.70	23.70	23.70	24.70		
Wholesale - Private label 2/													
White solid (No. 1/2 - 7 oz. 48's)													
1970	16.75	16.75	16.49	16.70	16.70	16.80	17.20	17.20	17.20	17.70	17.70	17.70	18.20
1971	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25
1972	20.25	20.75	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	22.25	22.63	22.75	21.59
1973	22.75	23.00	23.00	23.50	24.05	24.28	24.20	24.20	25.04	27.25	26.88	28.00	24.68
1974	28.00	28.38	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.45
1975	28.50	*	*	*	*	*	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	27.67		
Light chunk (No. 1/2 - 6 -1/2 oz. 48's)													
1970	12.88	12.88	12.98	13.00	13.00	13.20	14.00	14.13	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	13.79
1971	15.06	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.46
1972	15.50	15.60	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.81	17.00	17.00	17.19	17.25	17.25	16.57
1973	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.25	18.60	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.81	19.25	19.50	19.50	18.49
1974	19.50	20.81	21.25	21.75	21.75	21.75	21.75	21.75	21.75	22.05	22.25	22.25	21.55
1975	21.88	22.25	22.25	21.50	21.25	21.00	20.75	22.25	20.75	20.75	20.63		
Retail 3/													
Light chunk (6 -1/2 oz. cans)													
						Cents per can							
1970	37.6	39.8	38.3	38.7	39.2	39.4	39.4	35.7	40.7	41.7	42.2	42.7	39.4
1971	43.3	43.6	43.0	44.3	44.2	44.4	44.2	44.2	44.3	44.1	43.9	44.1	44.0
1972	44.1	44.7	45.2	45.6	45.8	45.9	45.7	45.3	45.6	46.0	46.1	46.4	45.5
1973	46.5	45.7	46.9	47.6	48.3	49.6	51.0	49.6	50.0	50.6	51.6	52.5	49.2
1974	53.7	55.1	56.0	57.3	57.8	58.2	58.7	58.5	58.6	58.5	59.8	60.1	57.7
1975	61.0	61.4	61.5	60.8	60.7	59.5	59.0	59.3	60.0	59.7			

1/ Quotes do not include trade or promotional allowances.
2/ Reported by San Diego brokers and cannery representatives, f.o.b. canner's terminal.
3/ U.S. average retail price reported by BLS.

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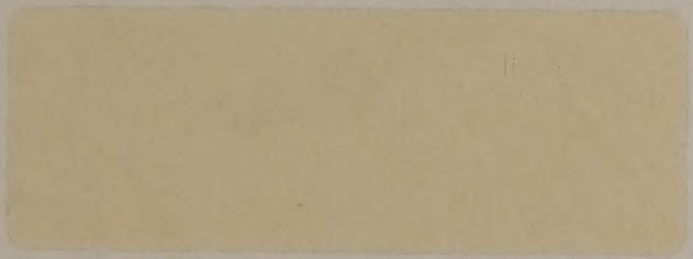

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